(b) if so, the details of the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to protect the farmers from such situations;

(c) whether Government are considering to review the Flood Manual in accordance with the present need and changing flood situations in different parts of the country;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY) (a) to (e) The relief code/manual is prepared by the respective State Governments. It is a comprehensive document which *inter alia* provides operational guidelines and details for extending relief to the people affected by natural calamities.

The assistance to the farmers for damage to crops in the wake of natural calamities is provided as per items and norms of assistance approved by the Government of India for expenditure from Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and Natural Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF). These norms are revised from time to time based on the recommendations of the Except Group constituted by the Government of India consisting of representatives from State Governments.

Death of I.T.B.P. jawans in Punchkula

†3073. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on 22nd June four jawans of Indo-Tibbetan Border Police died in Punchkula and nine jawans are lying unconscious;

(b) if so, the details therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to conduct any inquiry into this incident and take action against the guilty officers;

(d) whether any compensation has been given to the families of dead jawans;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the steps Government propose to take to prevent recurrence of such incidents in the future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL) (a) and (b) To replace the Commandos of ITBP deployed with missions abroad, a pre-selection test was conducted at Basic Training Centre, ITBP, Bhanu (Haryana) w.e.f. 22/06/2005. During the 1st event of Physical test *i.e.* 10 km. race, 16 personnel fell ill due to exhaustion out of which 4 personnel subsequently died at PGI, Chandigarh. The remaining 12 personnel admitted in PGI Chandigarh/BTC hospital have been discharged.

(c) The matter is being enquired into by an Inquiry Committee constituted by ITBP and action will be taken against the persons held responsible for the incident.

(d) to (f) Family pension and other admissible benefits have been paid to NOKs of the deceased. *Ex-gratia* payment is being processed.

(g) The training centers and field formations have been instructed to take precautions and all measures to prevent recurrence of such an incident in future.

Police's action against protestors in Orissa

3074. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRI R.K. ANAND:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around 5000 tribals protesting against non-payment of dues for land acquired for construction of steel plant and delay in rehabilitation by Orissa Government were brutally assaulted by the police;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the barbarous and uncivilized act of police had left four tribals including two children dead; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?